

## **WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM**

The World Handicap System (WHS) terminology:

### **Course Rating**

Replaces the Standard Scratch Score (SSS) and represents the score that a scratch golfer is expected to achieve on a given course.

### **Slope Rating**

The relative difficulty of a given course from a specific set of tees for a bogey golfer compared to a scratch golfer.

### **Handicap Index**

Your handicap to one decimal place based upon the average of your best 8 scores out of your last 20 rounds. This will be recalculated the day after a score has been submitted.

### **Course Handicap**

A player's handicap adjusted to reflect the difficulty of a specific course.

### **Handicap Allowance**

The percentage applied to a player's Course Handicap to determine their Playing Handicap for an organised competition he / she is playing:

Individual: Stroke Play / Stableford / Par/Bogey / Maximum Score: 95%, Match Play: 100%,  
Fourballs: Stroke Play / Stableford: 85%, Par/Bogey / Match Play: 90%  
Foursomes: 50% of combined team handicap.

### **Playing Handicap**

The handicap a player uses in a specific format of play on a specific course rounded up to the nearest whole number.

### **Acceptable Scores:**

- Individual / singles rounds: Stroke Play, Stableford, Par/Bogey, Maximum Score.
- Over a minimum number of holes ( 9 or >18 ) on the measured course.
- Played by the Rules of Golf.
- Pre-registration required i.e. before the player plays the round.
- In the company of at least one other person or player.
- Must be certified by a marker prior to submission.
- Course being played must have a current Course Rating & Slope Rating.

The **Acceptable Score** conditions listed above must be met and the player should ensure their **Handicap Index** is correct. Convert the **Handicap Index** to a **Course Handicap** using the Course Handicap Table for the tee being played; specific to each golf club and should be readily available in the clubhouse. Then apply the required **Handicap Allowance** percentage (if applicable) to derive the **Playing Handicap**. Play golf and enter your score in the clubhouse on the computer facilities provided.

**General Play / Social Score** (known as **Casual Round** on score entry systems) is the new name for Supplementary Score and is an 'Acceptable Score' if the round conforms to the conditions listed above.

All handicap qualifying scores (Competition and General Play) must be submitted on the day and at the golf course played using that golf course's score entry facility. At Pryors this is using the ClubV1 PSI tablet in the clubhouse or on the HowDidiDo MSI app on your mobile device.

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